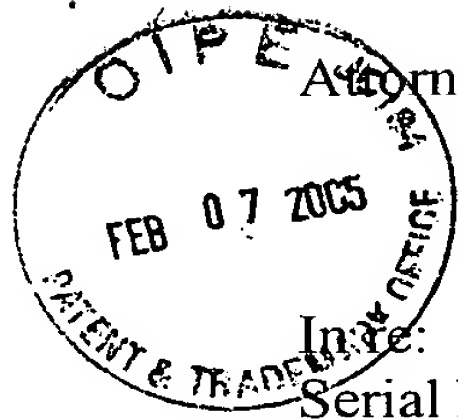


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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicant provides the present response to address the issues raised in the Office Action mailed December 16, 2004 ("Office Action") and pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

A **Listing of the Claims**, without amendments, is provided herewith for the Examiner's convenience beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.